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Majority prices were unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, mostly barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail demand was slow and discouraging to fair, and food service was moderate at best. Supplies were balanced to ample and being sharply discounted to help move product. In the parts structure, wings were sufficient to tight and clearing, dark meat items were in good balance and moving well, and breast items were in heaviest supply with little or no movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/13-09/18/99 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
(Including branded product)			WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
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Chicago	46.00-51.00	43.00-64.00	50.96	24
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	65.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	66.00	—		
New York	50.00-53.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	66.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-61.00	43.00-62.00	59.80	79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
570	53.00-68.50	61.34
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	194.50	4,021
BREASTS - WHOLE	94.00	1,758
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.50	552
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,038
WINGS	52.50	2,735

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was fair to moderate with, best for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies were at least sufficient for current needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow for breast items with supplies adequate to fully adequate, dark meat was fair to moderate with balanced supplies, and wings were close balanced to short and in the strongest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to slightly heavier weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Offerings ample and sharply discounted. Buyers' needs only fair with interest in other than regular commitments poor. Demand was light for whole body and moderate for parts; best to cover limited feature activities. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was weak on breasts and about steady on balance of parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were 1 to 2 cents lower in Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate on large sizes and being discounted, smaller sizes were adequate to short of trade needs. Retail demand was discouraging, mostly slow. Food service movement was fair to good, best for fast food. Floor stocks were at least adequate with sizes desirable. Parts trading was slow for the fully adequate and attractive offerings. Parts trade sentiment was weak on breast items and steady to barely steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about moderate. Offerings were in good balance to satisfy most immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was of a light and spotty nature. The market tone continued barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, product easily covered the limited interest with breast items still the most difficult to place.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied, but was about moderate overall. Seller offerings were irregular by both size and volume, but remained fully sufficient for current needs. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were generally noted as in excess of current needs. Leg quarters cleared well and wings were tight and firmly held. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	52-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.85
NO. OF BOXES	8,807
CUMULATIVE	09/06/99-07/02/99 57.10
	09/07/98-07/03/98 69.30
NO. OF BOXES	09/06/99-07/02/99 34,809
	09/07/98-07/03/98 35,796

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

SEP 09, 1999

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 10, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	789	140.00-240.00	-	203.31	470	140.00-240.00	175-180	188.37	2,965	202.80
TENDERLOINS	67	150.00-195.00	-	167.03	217	135.00-200.00	150-155	172.09	538	172.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	95.00-99.00	-	95.38	101	87.00-99.00	-	88.19	425	93.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				465	73.28
LEGS	87	30.00-37.00	30-31	30.56	138	30.00-37.00	30-31	31.49	400	31.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	180	18.00-21.00	18-19	19.29	400	18.00-22.00	18-19	18.85	1,493	19.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,255	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.44	1,605	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.34	6,319	22.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	89	49.00-54.00	49-50	51.25	114	48.00-53.50	48-50	50.14	349	51.18
WINGS (CUT)	337	55.00-73.00	59-61	62.01	453	55.00-72.00	59-61	62.46	1,744	62.40
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				26	37.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				26	37.00
B/S THIGHS	91	53.00-68.00	-	56.98	80	52.00-68.00	-	56.00	371	57.67

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR SEP 09, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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TODAY'S
RANGE
40.00 - 47.75
AVERAGE
43.77

TODAY'S
RANGE
34.00 - 46.50
AVERAGE
39.68
5-DAY
AVERAGE
44.87

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was usually reported as typical for a Friday. Offerings were generally fully adequate to ample for the limited trade interest with breast items remaining in the weakest position. Retail and distributive movement continued in a light and disappointing atmosphere. The market tone was weakest on breast items, barely steady to weak on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	SEP 09, 1999			SEP 10, 1999			WEEKLY		
	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD		WTD		
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	170-180	188.79	471,680	165-170	185.15	560,600	191.32	1,864,280	
TENDERLOINS	150-155	155.01	53,280	150-155	154.80	52,160	154.93	206,469	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	94.78	217,160	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	76.61	152,200	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	
LEGS	30-31	34.61	174,080	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	29-30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.87	536,400	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	20-21
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	35.31	79,880	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	34-35
THIGHS	20-21	31.23	77,800	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	19-20
B/S THIGHS	70-71	69.07	34,740	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	70-71
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-51	57.42	206,880	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	49-51
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	21,680	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	10-12
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	64.14	14,360	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	55-60
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	48.47	26,080	75-76	91.18	202,920	96.39	847,720	40-45

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	09/10	09/09	09/08	09/07	09/08	09/07	09/03	09/01
ALA	4,599	3,924	3,701	3,707	5.14	5.19	4,050	5.12
ARK	6,817	5,221	5,141	5,080	4.81	4.80	5,606	4.55
DELMARVA	3,340	2,490	2,467	2,563	4.95	5.08	2,970	4.96
KY-LA-TN	2,206	1,805	1,788	1,774	4.43	4.45	1,982	4.39
MISS	3,803	2,805	2,715	2,793	4.99	4.84	3,257	4.97
NC	3,232	2,591	2,562	2,494	5.59	5.70	3,085	5.50
TEXAS	2,614	2,037	2,047	2,005	4.69	4.71	2,400	4.56
TOTAL	26,611	20,873	20,421	20,416	4.96	4.98	23,350	4.87
MON-FRI	91,075(A)						105,170(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Sep and 11-Sep-99 is estimated to be 39,813,000 up 13.62 percent from a week ago and up 16.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,039,000; last year 34,310,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 11-Sep-99 is estimated to be 138,290,000 head DOWN 11.0 percent from a week ago, and up 7 percent from a year ago

(Last week 156,031,000 Last year 129,593,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	84-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 107
	ICE PACK 104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 112
	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 92
DUCKS	149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 28, 1999 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	29,727	44,034	33,505
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.96
% of total /1	28%	41%	31%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,060	36,720	32,146
Avg Weight	3.75	4.83	6.01
% of total /1	30%	37%	32%
Same week, yr ago /2	37,042	46,187	26,700
Avg Weight	3.84	4.81	5.97
% of total /1	34%	42%	24%
To date/1999	1,114,495	1,032,317	1,412,548
To date/1998	1,202,872	1,269,958	982,421

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-Sep-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	156,031(A)	1,883	1,522	3,405	448
AVGWT	4.86	3.46	8.25	5.60	6.48
LAST WEEK	157,438	1,812	1,546	3,358	428
YR AGO	151,451	2,016	1,353	3,369	546
AVGWT	4.90	3.43	7.99	5.26	6.50
TO-DATE/1999	5,319,127	74,525	48,267	122,792	15,454
TO-DATE/1998	5,117,703	73,432	44,286	117,718	15,890

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.9 million head or 5.2 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION SEP 07, 1999
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.00 - 2.75	Pekin Ducks .30 - .48
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 6.00ea.	Pigeons 1.00 - 2.00ea.
Bunnies	1.50 - 5.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 .70 - .92
Chukars	2.00 - 2.35ea.	Rabbits 4-6 .70 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .92	Rabbits 7-11 .70 - .96
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.12	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .40 - .62
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .96	Red Fowl 5-6 .60 - .94
Doves	4.75 - 5.50ea.	Silkie 2.50 - 3.00ea.
Goats	35.00 - 45.00ea.	White Pigeons 1.50 - 2.50ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.50 - 6.50ea.	
Kid Goats	20.00 - 32.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .24	
Leghorn Roosters	.07 - .18	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - .94	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - .98	

Total Coops Sold 692

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 06-SEP-99
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	134	139-140
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66-67
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66-83 69-71

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Sizes were desirable to instances heavy. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65- 5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, and wings at \$0.40- .60.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 06-SEP-99

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	31 157.4	156.4	101	4.93
AUGUST	7 154.4	156.8	98	4.68
	14 157.3	155.9	101	4.85
	21 155.9	155.5	100	4.81
	28 159.4	154.6	103	4.85
SEPTEMBER	4 157.9	152.7	103	4.86
YEAR TO DATE	5385.3	5336.0	101	
SEPTEMBER 11		150.8		
SEPTEMBER 18		151.7		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 04-Sep-99 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,933 HD, 19,822 lbs., Light Hens 151 HD, 525 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	9/11/99	9/04/99	%CHG	9/12/98	%CHG
Broilers	138,290	*156,031	-11	*129,593	+07
Cattle	615	*732	-16	*612	0
Hogs	1,727	1,960	-12	*1,735	0

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices ranged from unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Undertone was usually steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-25.5 MAJORITY	33-39.65 MAJORITY 33-34
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-27 MAJORITY	33-39 MAJORITY 36-36.5

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal schedules. Undertone remains steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were generally reported as normal for next week. Undertone was irregular but usually steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was slow with offerings fully adequate to ample for current processor needs. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked fairly heavy schedules for a holiday week. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	TFEWR	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT